

JCS-DIA ORIENTATION

BACKGROUND

For more than 15 years, the Central Intelligence Agency has presented annually a one- or two-week orientation for senior representatives of the Department of Defense emphasizing the Agency's capabilities in war planning and contingency situations. This program -- known as Project USEFUL -- has been designed primarily for representatives of the Unified and Specified Commands and for selected individuals from certain other commands and elements of the Department of Defense who have periodic contact with Agency representatives, especially overseas.

In late 1963, the Director of Central Intelligence decided to have this Agency present an abridged version of Project USEFUL to promote further understanding between this Agency and Department of Defense representatives, particularly in the Washington headquarters area. The first abbreviated program, of two-days' duration, was given at the CIA Headquarters in February 1964. Subsequently this two-day program, which has been presented semi-annually, was re-named the JCS-DIA ORIENTATION, to differentiate it from the longer Project USEFUL.

Confirming the benefits to be derived from such an understanding among CIA, JCS and DIA senior officials, the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency began inviting JCS and CIA senior employees to attend a two-day Project HELPFUL in late 1964. This companion briefing has been repeated semi-annually since then at the Defense Intelligence School.

PURPOSE

The objectives of the JCS-DIA ORIENTATION are to introduce the class members to key officials of the CIA, who will discuss the organization and responsibilities of the Agency's major components, and to cover the Agency's interrelationships with the other agencies and departments of the Intelligence Community.

While the presentations in this two-day program are necessarily limited in time, class members are urged to ask questions of Agency speakers or discuss views they may have regarding this Agency and its responsibilities.

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